



**August 24, 2025  
Sunday Gathering**

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**-ACKNOWLEDGEMENT-**

*We acknowledge that the place where we are gathered today is the ancient and ancestral homeland of more than twenty Indigenous tribes. We mourn the loss of their lives, livelihoods, homes, and cultures, and acknowledge the legacy of violence against them.*

*We acknowledge that the space where we worship today was established and built by those whose Black ancestors were also abused and mistreated - some even bought and sold as enslaved people right here in our city.*

*We acknowledge the women who've faced unfair treatment and misogyny throughout the ages and we acknowledge those who identify as LGBTQ or other who've been mistreated and misunderstood.*

*We acknowledge our role and responsibility as professed followers of Christ to stand for and alongside all of these and others who have been and continue to be oppressed.*

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**-PRELUDE-**

*"Nearer, My God to Thee" - arr. B. Jacobsen  
Brenda Gardiner*

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**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Welcome"*

LET'S WALK TOGETHER FOR A WHILE  
AND ASK WHERE WE BEGIN  
TO BUILD A WORLD WHERE LOVE CAN GROW  
AND HOPE CAN ENTER IN,  
TO BE THE HANDS OF HEALING  
AND TO PLANT THE SEEDS OF PEACE,

SINGING WELCOME,  
WELCOME TO THIS PLACE.  
YOU'RE INVITED  
TO COME AND KNOW GOD'S GRACE.  
ALL ARE WELCOME,  
THE LOVE OF GOD TO SHARE.  
'CAUSE ALL OF US ARE WELCOME HERE;  
ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE.

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**-WELCOME-**

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**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Welcome"*

LET'S TALK TOGETHER OF A TIME  
WHEN WE WILL SHARE A FEAST,  
WHERE PRIDE AND POWER KNEEL TO SERVE  
THE LONELY AND THE LEAST,  
AND JOY WILL SET THE TABLE  
AS WE JOIN OUR HANDS TO PRAY,

SINGING WELCOME,  
WELCOME TO THIS PLACE.  
YOU'RE INVITED  
TO COME AND KNOW GOD'S GRACE.  
ALL ARE WELCOME,  
THE LOVE OF GOD TO SHARE.  
'CAUSE ALL OF US ARE WELCOME HERE;  
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**-CALL TO WORSHIP-**

You are welcome here.  
WE ARE WELCOME HERE.

Jesus calls us to come as we are.  
JESUS ASKS US TO OPEN OUR HEARTS  
AND BE READY TO LET HIM CHANGE US.

Come to this time of worship  
not knowing how God will speak to you today.  
WE COME READY TO HEAR GOD'S WORD  
AND TO FOLLOW JESUS WHERE HE LEADS.

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**-OPENING PRAYER-**

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**-GREETING ONE ANOTHER-**

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**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND,  
LEAD ME ON, LET ME STAND;  
I AM TIRED, I AM WEAK, I AM WORN;  
THROUGH THE STORM, THROUGH THE NIGHT,

LEAD ME ON TO THE LIGHT:  
TAKE MY HAND, PRECIOUS LORD,  
LEAD ME HOME.

WHEN MY WAY GROWS DREAR,  
PRECIOUS LORD, LINGER NEAR,  
WHEN MY LIFE IS ALMOST GONE;  
HEAR MY CRY, HEAR MY CALL,  
HOLD MY HAND LEST I FALL:  
TAKE MY HAND, PRECIOUS LORD,  
LEAD ME HOME.

WHEN THE DARKNESS APPEARS  
AND THE NIGHT DRAWS NEAR,  
AND THE DAY IS PAST AND GONE,  
AT THE RIVER I STAND,  
GUIDE MY FEET, HOLD MY HAND:  
TAKE MY HAND, PRECIOUS LORD,  
LEAD ME HOME.

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**-SCRIPTURE-**

Luke 10:11-13 (CEB)

‘As a complaint against you, we brush off the dust of your city that has collected on our feet. But know this: God’s kingdom has come to you.’ I assure you that Sodom will be better off on Judgment Day than that city.

“How terrible it will be for you, Chorazin. How terrible it will be for you, Bethsaida. If the miracles done among you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have changed their hearts and lives long ago. They would have sat around in funeral clothes and ashes.

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**-SPECIAL MUSIC-**

*“Burdens”*

Chris Cook

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**-THE MESSAGE-**

*“Time to Stand Straight”*

Pam Lee-Miller

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**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*“Change My Heart, O God”*

CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD,  
MAKE IT EVER TRUE;  
CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD,  
MAY I BE LIKE YOU.

YOU ARE THE POTTER,  
I AM THE CLAY;  
MOLD ME AND MAKE ME,  
THIS IS WHAT I PRAY.

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**-JOYS & CONCERNS-**

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**-PASTORAL PRAYER-**

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**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Change My Heart, O God"*

YOU ARE THE POTTER,  
I AM THE CLAY;  
MOLD ME AND MAKE ME,  
THIS IS WHAT I PRAY.

CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD,  
MAKE IT EVER TRUE;  
CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD,  
MAY I BE LIKE YOU.

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**-INVITATION TO COMMUNION-**

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**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"One Bread, One Body"*

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY,  
ONE LORD OF ALL,  
ONE CUP OF BLESSING WHICH WE BLESS.  
AND WE, THOUGH MANY  
THROUGHOUT THE EARTH,  
WE ARE ONE BODY IN THIS ONE LORD.

STRANGER OR FRIEND,  
SERVANT OR FREE,  
WE WHO WE ARE... NO MORE.

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY,  
ONE LORD OF ALL,  
ONE CUP OF BLESSING WHICH WE BLESS.  
AND WE, THOUGH MANY  
THROUGHOUT THE EARTH,  
WE ARE ONE BODY IN THIS ONE LORD.

MANY THE GIFTS,  
MANY THE WORKS,  
ONE IN THE LORD... OF ALL.

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY,  
ONE LORD OF ALL,  
ONE CUP OF BLESSING WHICH WE BLESS.  
AND WE, THOUGH MANY  
THROUGHOUT THE EARTH,  
WE ARE ONE BODY IN THIS ONE LORD.

GRAIN FOR THE FIELDS,  
SCATTERED AND GROWN,  
GATHERED TO ONE... FOR ALL.

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY,  
ONE LORD OF ALL,  
ONE CUP OF BLESSING WHICH WE BLESS.  
AND WE, THOUGH MANY  
THROUGHOUT THE EARTH,  
WE ARE ONE BODY IN THIS ONE LORD.

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**-IN GRATITUDE-**

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**-OFFERING-**

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**-ANNOUNCEMENTS-**

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**-INVITATION TO RESPOND-**

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**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"I Must Tell Jesus"*

I MUST TELL JESUS ALL OF MY TRIALS,  
I CANNOT BEAR THESE BURDENS ALONE;  
IN MY DISTRESS MY JESUS WILL HELP ME,  
WHO EVER LOVES AND CARES FOR GOD'S OWN.

I MUST TELL JESUS!  
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I CANNOT BEAR MY BURDENS ALONE;  
I MUST TELL JESUS!  
I MUST TELL JESUS!  
JESUS WILL NEVER LEAVE ME ALONE.

I MUST TELL JESUS ALL OF MY TROUBLES,  
JESUS, MY KIND AND COMPASSIONATE FRIEND;  
IF I BUT ASK I KNOW HE WILL ANSWER,  
HE WILL WALK WITH ME UNTO THE END.

I MUST TELL JESUS!  
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I CANNOT BEAR MY BURDENS ALONE;  
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JESUS WILL NEVER LEAVE ME ALONE.

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**-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-**

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**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"When the Waves Are Crashing"*

WHEN THE WAVES ARE CRASHING  
AND MY FAITH IS DROWNING,  
THOUGH I MAY FORGET YOU,  
HOLD ME, LORD.

WHEN THE CLIFFS ARE STEEPEST  
AND MY HOPE IS WEAKEST,  
THOUGH I FAIL TO TRUST YOU,  
HOLD ME, LORD.

WHEN DARK CLOUDS HAVE GATHERED  
AND MY LOVE IS BATTERED,  
THOUGH I MAY DESERT YOU,  
HOLD ME, LORD.

FAITH MAY BE ETERNAL,  
HOPE WILL LAST FOREVER;  
GREATER STILL IS LOVE THAT  
HOLDS ME, LORD.